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## RAILWAYCONSOLIDATION

BELIEF THAT NEW YORK CENTRAL WILL ABSORB THE FITCHBURG.

Rumors Concerning Other Prospective Consolidations-Miscellaneous and Personal Notes.

The offer for the Fitchburg Railroad by the New York Central has revived the rumors of coming New England railroad consolidations and changes. At the time of the Boston & Albany merger it was announced the New York Central had offered to lease the Fitchburg on a 4 per cent. basis This has since been confirmed by officials of both roads. The offer at that time was refused, but it is believed the deal will be effected in the end. It will be only a matsition to know, until the New Haven Railroad is swallowed up by the New York Central, which hems it in, in a sense, since it acquired the Boston & Albany. The relations between the New York Central and the Pennsylvania are such that when the time comes for the New Haven's acquisttion, important railroad men say, the Pennsylvania will have a word to say about its transfer and may get some of the property. It is declared that its absorption is sure to come. The Central Vermont has already been taken over by the Grand Trunk Railroad. It is also said that it is only a matter of time until the Grand Trunk obtains control of the Boston & Maine and the Maine Central. Outside of the Fitchburg, the New York Central officials say they have no interest in New England railroads, and they admit the ultimate absorption of the Maine Central and Boston & Maine by the Grand Trunk is more than likely.

Assailing the Interstate Law.

The subcommittee of the federal Industrial Commission convened in open session in Chicago yesterday and resumed investigation of the alleged elevator combination. Railroad pools and defects in the interstatecommerce law were also subjects of hearing. Edward S. Richards, a retired shipper and grain dealer, made a written deposition to the committee, in which he gave the inner workings of the so-called elevator combination. Mr. Richards made the statement that bills of lading issued by Eastern roads generally are fraudulent and intended to cover the system of rebating. The witness also declared positively that roads have a system of issuing rebates to favored lessees and owners of grain warehouses and discriminating against the private and independent buyers and shippers who, in Illinois, according to the evidence presented, have ombined in the Illinois Grain Dealers' Association to fight the elevators known as Class A. The interstate-commerce law was also designated as a farce and useless so far as it affected the rates of interstatecommerce regulations of the country. Mr. Richards also declared that, notwithstanding the severe blows administered to the ng associations of railroads, there are raffic organizations still in existence which keep up the system of pooling with more circumlocution than formerly. As a result of Mr. Richards's statements Senator Kyle sent to a prominent Eastern road for blank forms of the bill of lading used by the com-

Panhandle Athletic Association. The Indianapolis employes of the P., C. C. & St. L. terminals have organized the Panhandle Athletic Association, with T. W. Demarest president; W. W. Beecher, vice president; E. H. Reed, general manager, and Alfred R. Kipp, secretary and treasurer. The object of the organization is to prepare for the annual athletic field day, which will comprise all the employes of the lines west of Pittsburg, to be held at Columbus, O., Aug. 26. The employes of the terminals here have, with the assistance of the company, completed their new ball rounds, which are located south of the Panhandle shops and facing Southeastern avenue. The first game of ball will be played on their new grounds with Terre Haute to-morrow and the winner of the series of these games will play for the championship cup given by the employes of the Columbus, O., terminals, to be contested for at the annual meet Aug. 26. The P., C., C. & St. L. Railway Baseball League is composed of the following cities: Dennison and Columbus, O., Logansport, Terre Haute and Indianapolis. Special trains for employes and their immediate families will

umbus, O., Aug. 26.

Taking Care of Employes. The effort on the part of Pennsylvania Railway officials to establish a pension system for employes is creating interest among railroad people the country over and is gaining for that road a volume of compliment-of service as a civil engineer he was, on ary comment. There is now but little doubt Aug. 1, 1874, placed in charge of the conthat at the fall meeting the directors of struction department as chief engineer of the road will vote to carry out the plan as century in that position he has introduced already suggested, and before the end of the year the system may be expected to be in of engineering triumphs which have given him a national reputation. always been characteristic of Pennsylvania Railroad officials. It has almost become axiomatic that when a man once gets into the employ of the company he is as-sured of a position as long as he behaves himself and lives up to the requirements of the position he holds, and the restrictions are not irksome. The company is also very ealous of its employes and of its reputation with them. For this reason it seldom forgives an employe who quits its service and goes to another road.

K. C., P. & G. and Alton Rumors. Talk of the absorption of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf system by the Chicago & Alton was revived at Kansas City yesterday by a conference held between Sam W. Fordyce, one of the receivers of the Pittsburg & Gulf, and several of the leading officials of the Alton, including General Manager Chappell and General Su-perintendent Gray, S. N. Felton, of New Sylvania motive powers in Penn-President Harriman, Vice President and York, and Edward Dickinson, general manager of the Union Pacific, also joined the party. After the conference the Alton officials departed for Chicago. Receiver For-dyce accompanied them. Pittsburg & Gulf officials maintained that the meeting at the union depot was wholly accidental and that there had been no prearrangement of forces. Mr. Harriman is a leading member of one of the committees which is trying to effect the reorganization of the Pittsburg

A Misunderstanding. From statements made by Lake Shore and Nickel-plate officials regarding the letter of President Thomas, of the Erie, of date of Aug. 5, it seems there is a misunderstanding regarding the action of the presidents' conference when the decision to arbitrate the differential, excess fare and commission matter was reached. The Vanderbilt officials seem to interpret the action to be that they are allowed to ticket their pas-

ential rates made by both the Erie and the Nickel-plate roads. The Vanderbilt officials say that President Thomas evidently forgets that the Vanderbilt lines, and es-pecially the Michigan Central, had issued its tariffs for Boston business via Albany efore the first of May.

Another Freight Rate War. Another freight war has been started by the roads running east from St. Louis. They have reduced the rate on flour for export 15 cents a hundred pounds from St. Louis to New York. The Western lines terminating in Chicago yesterday met the competition by making a rate of 15 cents from Missouri river points. The previous rate from Missouri river was 1912 cents. On Aug. 1 the lines running East from Chicago advanced the export flour rate to 17 cents. It cannot be maintained while a rate of 15 cents is in effect from Missouri river points

Personal, Local and General Notes. The Wahash lines earned in July \$1,273,181 an increase over July, 1898, of \$193,972. George Lowell, general superintendent of the Monon lines, will be in the city to-day. P. A. Bonebrake, superintendent of the Chicago division of the Panhandle, is so ill as to confine him to his house. Samuel Felton, president and receiver of

to New York via Chicago.

the Queen & Crescent, passed through the city yesterday en route to Chicago. Subsidies of \$250,000 have been raised which insures an extension of the Missouri Pacific from Bagley to Springfield, Mo. Albert Lee has resigned his position with the Big Four, and on Sept. 1 will begin work as rate clerk of the Erie line at this

D. G. Edwards, passenger traffic manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton lines, was in the city last evening en route home from Chicago. In July, at the South-street bulk yards of the Pennsylvania Company, there were handled 6,282 carloads of freight, largely

fruits and vegetables. The shops of the Pennsylvania Company at Fort Wayne are delivering to the Panhandle twenty new gondola cars per week on an order for 100 cars.

Indications point to the Harriman syndicate, which controls the Chicago & Alton, in the near future securing control of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf. It required seventy Pullman cars to carry the excursionists who went to Atlantic City yesterday from points west of

Pittsburg on the Pennsylvania lines. The gross earnings of the New York Central lines for July were \$1,014.659 ahead of those for July, 1898, being the largest increase in a single month in many years. The freight tonnage of the Big Four is fully 10 per cent. in excess of that of the corresponding period last year, and with the better rates the increased earnings are

Yesterday J. T. Johnson retired as super-Intendent of the Akron division of the Baltimore & Ohio, and will be succeeded by J H. Glover, late superintendent of the B. & James Wells, who last week retired as traveling engineer on the Wabash, has been presented by the engineers and firemen under him with an elegant gold watch, with

chain and charm. J. R. Cavanagh, car service superintendent of the Big Four, has been asked to fur-nish an article for the paper published by Chicago University on the subject of pooling freight equipment.

On Friday night two special trains carrying marines from New York to San Francisco will pass over the Pennsylvania lines. The marines will sail from San Francisco on the 17th inst. for the Philippines. The general telegraph office of the Big Four at Indianapolis has been fitted up with twenty sets of the most modern type of

telegraphic instruments and two sets of automatic repeating instruments. On Sept. 1 J. W. Smith, general agent of the Erie Dispatch at this point, will retire and the duties of the office will be per-formed by W. H. Tennis, for many years general agent of the Erie at this point. The Pennsylvania has posted orders in the various roundhouses to the effect that em-ployes or members of their families who may be unable to be vaccinated will be treated free by medical officers of the road. The passenger earnings of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton for July were 14 per cent. in excess of those of July, 1898, and every month this year has shown larger

earnings than the corresponding months of The big freight engine, 703, on the Big Four, recently eclipsed all records by haul-ing 1,825 tons from Cincinnati to Indianapolis. Four more engines of the same type have been ordered, and four more will probably be ordered this month.

The officials of the Indiana Southern Railway are figuring on a new time card, which will materially reduce the running time of all its passenger trains. At present its trains make trips in much less time than was required six or eight months ago. R. B. Turner, general superintendent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton lines,

and A. J. Ball, assistant superintendent of motive power, were in the city yesterday on official business. The company now has four locomotives rebuilding at the Indiana, Decatur & Western shops. The Erie Railroad is making quite a conderable addition to its motive power. Within the last six weeks it has ordered

fourteen new passenger engines of the At-lantic type. Now the information comes from Meadville that it has started to build nine other engines in its shops there. J. H. Glover has been appointed superintendent of the Akron division of the B. & O. Railroad, succeeding J. H. Johnson, who was recently promoted to be genera manager of the Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railway. Mr. Glover was formerly superintendent of the Trans-ohlo division

While in the shops at Brightwood the private car of President Ingalls was fitted up with the Columbian electric-light axle device, furnishing light and ventilation for the car. The car is equipped with forty-nine incandescent lights and an electric fan in each room, and in every detail President Ingalls now has a car of the most modern

Engineers on the Lake Shore are indig-nant over the sensational rumor of some of the papers, to the effect that if an advance in their wages is not made they will strike. There are, say the engineers, absolutely no grounds for such reports. Engineers on that road are now getting from \$125 to \$175 per month, and to strike on such wages as those would be folly, they say.

The completion of the \$1,000,000 terminals of the Burlington Railroad at Quincy, Ill., marks an important stage in the development of that system. It was only five years eave Indianapolis and Terre Haute for Co- ago that the road built into St. Louis and established there an enormous freight yard with a capacity of 3,100 cars. At Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City and Denver the Burlington has facilities for hauling freight and passengers that are unexcelled. Chief Engineer W. H. Brown, of the Pennsylvania, on Monday completed his

twenty-fifth year of service in that capacity with the company. After some dozen years many innovations and achieved a number

Executive officers of the Western roads adjourned yesterday to meet at the call Am. Smelting & Refining of the chairman as soon as he receives a American Spirits statement from the Mallory steamship line as to what it proposes to do about rates from New York to transmissouri points. American Steel Hoop pref....... The steamship line holds the key to the situation, as the Gulf Railroad cannot make rates without its consent. Unless the gulf roads raise the rates from New York the lines from Chicago and St. Louis will cut theirs to transmissouri and Texas points. The big Class H6 consolidated engine 1805 is being tested on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago, between Alliance and Crestline. This engine was built for the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Baldwin locomotive works and was designed to haul heavy trains. Engineer Hugh Dunn has charge of the engine, which hauled thirtyeight loads of coke west, ten cars more than the standard Class R engines can take over that part of the road. One particular fea-

sylvania motive power. Taken altogether, the Class H6 is a carefully designed engine and ought to be able to do good work on the Fort Wayne or the Panhandle. Despite the many obstructions that have been put in the way of the builders of the Detroit-Toledo Short-line the promoters are going ahead with the work, and on Saturday received aid directly from the Circuit Court of Michigan, in session at Ann Arbor. The trouble that arose at Otter Creek, La. Salle county, Michigan, about two weeks ago was mentioned at the time. The ac-tion of the Michigan Central in arresting the workers on the grade of the Short-line at that point was followed by an application of the latter line for an injunction against the Michigan Central to restrain them from interference. This was obtained

that they are allowed to ticket their passengers on to Boston by way of Albany, as they notified the Grand Trunk in the spring they would do, the only change, ander P. Herron, Frances E. Herron, Bertham M. Herron and James M. Biggins.

The New York Dental Company, of this city, was yesterday incorporated, with a capital stock of \$500. The directors an Alexander P. Herron, Frances E. Herron, Bertham M. Herron and James M. Biggins.

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last Monday and the hearing on an effort to dissolve the same was heard. The Mich-

igan Central people were called upon to show reason why injunction should not be

perpetual. The court refused to dissolve the

STOCK MARKET SHOWS FRESH STRENGTH AND MORE ACTIVITY.

Railroad Shares Did Not Participate Largely in the Advances-Local Markets Quiet.

At New York, yesterday, money on call was 3@31/2 per cent.; last loan, 3.

Prime mercantile paper, 41/4@5 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.86@4.861/4 for demand and at \$4.82%@4.82% for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.83\\@4.84 and \$4.87@4.87\\; commercial bills, \$4.811/2. Silver certificates, 60%@61c; bar silver,

silver closed at 274d an ounce. Yesterday's New York stock market was a good deal more active than for some time past and showed undeniable evidence of strength. But the strength was for the most part in spots, and the speculation did not get far outside professional limits. The favorites were the industrials, and only a few of the railroads made any conspicuous gains. The most prominent movement of the day was in the leather stocks, the common rising 1% and the preferred 1% on very heavy dealings in the first named. The iron and steel stocks as a group all showed strength in somewhat varying degree, but gains in most of them reached a point and in some of them approached two points. Tennessee Coal and Iron was the leader of the group and of the market, with a rise of nearly 3 points on very heavy demand. The strength in this group is accounted for by the extraordinary condition in the iron trade, where production of the lower grades, although largely increased, seems quite unable to keep pace with consumption in the higher grades of the industry. Anaconda shows a handsome gain, and there was a very large demand for National Lead. American Smelting, American Tin Plate, Colorado Fuel and various other stocks more or less affected by conditions in the iron trade were firm in sympathy. Sugar, People's Gas, Detroit Gas and Linseed Oil preferred had their periods of strength. In the railroad list speculation was inclined to hold aloof pending the publication of the government crcp report. The St. Paul statement for the first week of August prompted some buying of the grangers. Gains of a point or over were shown by Chicago Great Western debentures, the pre-ferred B, Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, Oregon Navigation, Hocking Valley preferred, Wneeling & Lake Erie preferred, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, lowa Central preferred and Pacific Coast. Developments in the money market continued to receive much attention, but were not important. Anxiety as to the outlook was, however, appreciably less. Outside money continued to be offered in the New York market. Call money continued rather easy and rates for prime mercantile paper were shaded slightly. Time money, however, continued firm, and lenders were not anxious to do business at present rates. The failure of the Bank of England to advance ts rate above 31/2 per cent: has seemed to have a good sentimental effect on the London market, but private discount rates were unchanged. London bought stocks in New York to a moderate extent. Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf firsts were

active and strong and have gained 21/2 per cent. net. Total sales of bonds, par value, 1,785,000. United States new fours declined 4 and the fives 1/8 in the bid price. Following is a list of the stock sales on New York 'Change, with closing bids:

Canada Southern ..... Central Pacific ...... 2,450 Chicago Great Western...... 2,650 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.... 2,530 Chi., Ind. & Louis...... 1,650 Cht., Ind. & Louis, pref...... Chicago & Eastern Illinois...... Chicago & Northwestern...... 100 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific... 6,351 1601/2 1191/2 58 C., C., C. & St. Louis...... 1,000 Colorado Southern 1st pref...... Colorado Southern 2d pref..... Denver & Rio Grande..... Denver & Rio Grande pref...... Illinois Central ..... Iowa Central ..... Lake Erie & Western........... Lake Erie & Western pref...... Lake Shore .... Louisville & Nashville...... 4,675 Metropolitan Street-railway ..... 1,375 Mexican Central ..... 1,000 Minneapolis & St. Louis pref ..... Missouri Pacific ..... 4.830 Missouri, Kansas & Texas...... Missouri, Kansas & Texas pref... Norfolk & Western pref..... Northern Pacific pref..... Ontario & Western..... Oregon Ry. & Nav. pref..... Pennsylvania ..... Reading ..... 8,650 Reading 1st pref..... St. L. & San Francisco 1st pref ... St. L. & San Francisco 2d pref .... St. Louis Southwestern pref..... St. Paul ..... 9,670 Southern Pacific ...... 15,000 Southern Railway ...... 225 Southern Railway pref...... 1,000 Texas & Pacific ..... Union Pacific pref..... Wabash pref ..... Wheeling & Lake Erle..... Wheeling & Lake Erie 2d pref .... 1,200 Wisconsin Central ..... P., C., C. & St. L..... \*Ex. dividend. EXPRESS COMPANIES. 

United States ..... Wells-Fargo ..... American Cotton Oil...... 410 Am. Smelting & Refining...... 4,185 Am. Smelting & Refining pref .... 1,200 American Steel Hoop................ American Steel and Wire pref .... 4.975 American Tin-plate ............ 1,060 American Tin-plate pref............ 400 Colorado Fuel and Iron...... 11,670 Continental Tobacco pref...... 3,255 General Electric ..... Glucose Sugar ..... Glucose Sugar pref..... Laclede Gas ..... National Biscuit pref..... 111 National Steel pref..... New York Air-brake..... North American ...... 3,220 Pacific Coast 1st pref..... Pacific Coast 2d pref..... People's Gas ...... 17,351 Pressed Steel Car ..... 1,300 Pressed Steel Car pref..... Pullman Palace Car..... Standard Rope and Twine ...... United States Leather pref ....... 68,797 United States Rubber pref...... Western Union ...... 210

Sugar .....

United States Rubber.

U. S. BONDS.

MINING STOCKS. -Boston Quotations .-Boston & Montana Butte & Boston . Calumet & Hecla .... Quincy Winona Cholor Crown Point Consolidated California and Virginia 601/6c; Mexican dollars, 48c. At London bar Sierra Nevada .....

> Thursday's Bank Clearings. Chicago-Clearings, \$19,899,405; balances, \$1,745,915. New York exchange, 30c discount Sterling exchange, \$4.84 and \$4.87.

Yellow Jacket .....

At New York-Clearings, \$157,499,425; balances, Boston-Clearings, \$18,895,208; balances, \$1,634,940 At Philadelphia-Clearings, \$13,805,754; balances, At Baltimore-Clearings, \$2.658,606; balances, At St. Louis-Clearings, \$5,030,341; balances, \$666,570. Money, 4@6 per cent. New York ex-change, 16c discount bid, par asked. At Cincinnati-Money at 21/266 per cent. New York exchange, 50c discount. Clearings, \$2,101,600.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Frade Shows More Activity as the

Month Advances-Prices Firm. Each day of the present week has shown some mprovement in business and the volume of trade is perceptibly larger than in the early part of August last year. Price changes are few and slight. Seidom do prices continue from week to week as steady as for two months past. Comparison of prices in dry goods, groceries and drugs will show slight differences for sixty days. On Commission row prices change more with the volume of receipts than in any other line. Yes-

special mention. The local grain market continues rather quiet on light receipts, but all cereals are in active request at the following range of prices, as furnished by the secretary of the Board of Trade: Wheat-Bids for regular; no track bids: No. 2 red, 661/2c; No. 3 red, 631/2651/2c; August, 661/2c; Corn-No. 1 white, 331/20; No. 8 white (one col

or), 33½c; No. 4 white, 30½@32½c; No. 2 white mixed, 33c; No. 3 white mixed, 33c; No. 4 white mixed, 30@31c; No. 2 yellow, 33c; No. 3 yellow, 33c; No. 4 yellow, 30@32c; No. 2 mixed, 32½c; No. 3 mixed, 32½c; No. 4 mixed, 25½@31½; ear Oats-No. 2 white, 23c; No. 8 white, 22c; No. mixed, 21c; No. 3 mixed, 20c. Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$9.50@10; new No. 1 thy, \$9@9 50; No. 2 timothy, \$8.50@9. Inspections-Wheat: No. 3 red, 1 car; rejected 1; total, 2 cars. Corn: No. 3 white, 20 cars; No. 4 yellow, 1; No. 3 mixed, 15; No. 4, 2; no grade

2; ear corn, 1; total, 40 cars. Oats: No. 2 white. car; No. 2 mixed, 5; rejected, 2; total, 8 cars. Hay: No. 2 timothy, 1 car. Poultry and Other Produce. (Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry-Hens, 8c; cocks, 3c; young chickens, 8c; hen turkeys, young and fat, 7c; young toms, 5c; young ducks, 5c; geese, 3c for full teathered, 214c for plucked. Cheese-New York full cream, 10@11c; skims 6@8c; domestic Swiss, 10@15c; brick, 12c; limbur Butter-Choice, 101/2c; poor, 6@80.

Eggs-Candled, 10c. Feathers-Prime geese, 800 per lb; prime duck, 0@17c per lb. Beeswax-30o for yellow; 250 for dark. Wool-Medium, unwashed, 18@190; tub-washed, 18@250; burry and unmerchantable, 50 less. HIDES, TALLOW, ETC. Green-salted Hides-No. 1, 84c; No. 2, 74c;

calf, 10c; No. 2 calf, 8½c. Grease—White, 3c; yellow, 2½c; brown, 2½c. Tallow—No. 1, 3c; No. 2, 2½c. Boues-Dry, \$12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE. (The quotations given below are the selling prices of the wholesale dealers.) Candies and Nuts.

Candies-Stick, 6%26%c per lb; common mixed, 6%267c; G. A. R. mixed, 6%c; Barner twist stick, 8c; cream mixed, 9c; old-time mixed, 7c.
Nuts-Soft-shelled almends, 11213c; English walnuts, 9@12c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 10c.
Oils-Linseed, 46@48c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia, lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 40c; lard oils, winter strained, in bris, 40c per half bris, 3c per gal extra.

Canned Goods. Corn, 75c@\$1.25. Peaches-Eastern standard 2-lb, \$1.75@2; 3-lb seconds, \$1.35@1.60; Californ standard, \$2.10@2.40; California seconds, \$1.75@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-lb, 65@70c; rasp berries, 3-lb, 90@95c; pineapples, standard, 2-lb, \$1.10@1.20; choice, \$1.60@2.50; cove oysters, 1-lb, full weight, 85@95c; light, 60@65c; string beans, 70 @90c; Lima beans, \$1.10@1.20; peas, marrowfate, 85c@\$1.10; early June, 90c@\$1.10; lobsters, \$1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@\$1; strawberries, 85@90c; salmon, 1-lb, 900@\$1.85; 2-lb, tomatoes, 90@95c.

Coal and Coke. Anthracite, per ton, \$7; Brazil block, \$5.50; Island Clty lump, \$3.25; Paragon lump, \$3.25; Jackson lump, \$4.50; Pittsburg lump, \$4.50; C. & O. Kanawha lump, \$4.50; Winifrede lump, \$4.50; Blossburg smithing, \$5; smokeless, \$4.50; lump ooke, per bu, 10c; crushed coke, per bu, 12c.

Bleached Sheetings-Androscoggin L, 64c; Berk-Hill, 6c; Hope, 6c; Linwood, 6½c; Lonsdale, 7c; Peabody, 4½c; Pride of the West, 9½c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Peppereil, 9-4, 18c; Peppereil, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4,

5c; Constitution, 40-inch, 5½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 6c; Dwight's Star, 6c; Great Falls L, 4½c; Great Falls J, 4½c; Hill Fine, 5½c; Indian Head, 5½c; Pepperell R, 4½c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 16c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 18c.
Prints—Allen dress styles, 41c; Allen's staples, 4½c; Allen TR, 4½c; Allen's robes. 4½c; American indigo, 4%c; Arnold long cloth B, 7½c; Arnold LLC, 6½c; Cocheco fancy, 5½c; Hamilton fancy, 41/2c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 51/2c; Pacific fancy, 51/2c; Simpson's mourning, 41/2c; Simpson's Berlin solids, 5c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; American shirting, 31/4c; black white, 41/4c; grays, 41/4c. Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5%c; Amoskeag fress, 6c; Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick dress, 51/2c; Lancaster, 51/4c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Renfrew dress styles, 6c. Kid-finished Cambrics—Edwards, 31/2c; Warren, 3½c; Slater, 3½c; Genesee, 3½c. Grain Bags—Amorkeag, \$14; American, \$14; Harmony, \$13.50; Stark, \$16. Tickings-Amoskeag ACA, 94c; Conestoga BF,

11½c; Cordis, 140, 9½c; Cordis FT, 9½c; Cordis ACE, 9½c; Hamilton awnings, 8c; Kimono fancy, 17c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Muthuen AA, 91/c; Oakland AF, 51/2c; Portsmouth, 101/2c; Susquehanna, 111/2c; Shetucket SW, 51/2c; Shetucket F, 6c; Swift Alcohol. \$2.48@2.60; asafetida, 25@30c; alum, 214 64c; camphor, 55@60c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 58@65c; copperas, bris, 75@85c; cream tar-tar, pure, 30@33c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@30c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, \$2.30@2.55; madder, 14 16c; oil, castor, per gal, \$1@1.10; oil, bergamot, per 1b, \$2.25; opium, \$3.50; quinine, P. & W. per oz, 39@44c; balsam copaiba, 50@60c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda bicarb., 4½@6c; salts,

38@43c; carbolic acid, 30@32c; linseed oil, raw, 36c; linseed oil, bolled, 38c. Flour. Straight grades, \$3.40@3.60; fancy grades, \$3.600 .75; patent flour, \$4@4.50; low grades, \$2.25@3; spring wheat patents, \$5@5.25. Leather.

Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@14c; turpentine, 47@55c; glycerine, 15@18c; iodide potassium, \$2.50@2.60; bromide potassium, 55@60c;

chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 9@12c; cinchonidia

Leather-Oak sole, 27@30c; hemlock sole, 24@ 26c; harness, 32@37c; skirting, 38@42c; single strap, 38@41c; city kip, 60@85c; French kip, 90c@ \$1.20; city calfskin, 90c@\$1.10; French calfskin,

Coffee-Good, 10@12c; prime, 12@14c; strictly prime, 14@16c; fancy green and yellow, 18@22c; Java, 28@32c. Roasted—Old government Java, 32½@33c; Golden Rio, 24c; Bourbon Santos, 24c; Gilded Santos, 24c; prime Santos, 23c. Package coffee-city prices-Ariosa, 10.15c; Lion, 2.65c; Jersey, 10.15c; Caracas, 9.65c; Dillworth's, 9.65c; Mail Pouch, 9.65c; Gates's blended Java, 9.65c. Sugars-City Prices-Dominoes, 5.75c; cut-loaf.

Sugars—City Prices—Dominoes, 5.75c; cut-loaf, 5.88c; powdered, 5.63c; XXXX powdered, 5.75c; standard granulated, 5.69; fine granulated, 5.69c; granulated—five-pound bags, 5.75c; granulated—five-pound cartons, 5.75c; granulated—two-pound cartons, 5.75c; granulated—two-pound cartons, 5.75c; extra fine granulated, 5.81c; cubes, 5.63c; moid A, 5.75c; confectioners' A, 5.75c; 1 Columbia A—Keystone A, 5c; 2 Windsor A—American A, 5c; 2 Pidrewood A—Centennial A, 5c; 4 Phoenix A-Keystone A, 5c; 2 Windsor A-American A, 5c; 3 Ridgewood A-Centennial A. 5c; 4 Phoenix A-California A, 4.94c; 5 Empire A-Franklin B, 4.88c; 6 ideal golden ex. C-Keystone B, 4.81c; 7 Windsor ex. C-American B, 4.75c; 8 Ridgewood ex. C-Centennial B, 4.69c; 9 yellow ex. C-California B, 4.53c; 10 yellow C-Franklin ex. C, 4.50c; 11 yellow-Keystone ex. C, 4.38c; 12 yellow-American ex. C, 4.31c; 13 yellow-Centennial ex. C, 4.31c; 14 yellow-California ex. C, 4.25c; 15 yellow, 4.25c; 16 yellow, 4.25c.

Salt-In car lots. 80@85c; small lots. 90@95c.

Spices-Pepper, 12@18c; ailspice, 15@18c; cloves, 12@25c; cassia, 15@18c; nutmegs, 65@75c per lb.

Flour Sacks (paper)-Plain, 1-32 bri, per 1,000. 

\$3.50; 1-16 brl. \$5; ½ brl. \$8; ¼ brl. \$16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$4.25; 1-16 brl. \$6.50; ½ brl. \$10; ½ brl. \$20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$7; 1-16 brl. \$8.75; ½ brl. \$14.50; ½ brl. \$28.50. Extra charge for printing, \$1.10@1.15. Screened Beans-\$1.35@1.40.

fair to prime, 28@33c; choice, 25@40c; syrups, 18@ \$5@5.25; No. 3 tubs, \$4@4.25; 3-hoop pails, \$1.50@ 1.60; 2-hoop pails, \$1.30@1.35; double vashboards, \$2.25@2.75; common washboards, \$1.25@1.50; clothes pins, 50@60c per box. Rice-Louisiana, 414@614c; Carolina, 614@814c. Shot-\$1.80@1.35 per bag for drop. Lead-6%@7c for pressed bars. Twine-Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, \$@10c; flax,

bu: Limas, California, 5@5% per lb.
Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses,

20@30c; paper, 25c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 18@25c. Wood Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, \$2@2.25; No. 2 \$2.25@2.50; No. 3, \$2.50@2.75; No. 5, \$3@3.25. Nails and Horseshoes. Steel cut nails, \$2: wire nails, from store, \$2.

@2.70 rates; from mill, \$2.50 rates. Horseshoes, per keg. \$4; mule shoes, per keg. \*4.50; horse nails, \$4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvan.zed, \$3.40; painted, \$2.90. Provisions.

30 to 40 lbs average, 71/c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 7%c; bellies, 25 lbs average, 7%c; 18 to 22 lbs average, 7%c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 8%c. Clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 7%c; 12 to 16 lbs average. 7%c; 6 to 9 lbs average, 7%c. In dry sal Hams-Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 12 1214c; 15 lbs average, 12@1214c; 12 lbs average, 121-@13c; 10 lbs average, 123-@134c. Lard-Kettle-rendered, 74c; pure lard, 6%c. Pork-Bean, clear, \$13.50; rump, \$10.50.

Bacon-Clear siden, 40 to 50 lbs average, 74c;

Shoulders-18 to 20 lbs average, 71/2c; 15 lbs av age, 7%c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 8c. Produce, Fruits and Vegetables. Apples-\$1.25@1.75 per bri for cooking; eating a Bananas-Per bunch, No. 1, \$1@1.50. Oranges-California seedling oranges, \$5.50.

Pineapples-\$1.50@2 per doz. Figs-California, \$1.65 per box; mat figs, \$69 Lemons-Messina, choice, 260 to box, \$4; fancy Red Plums-75c@\$1 per bu. Blue Damson Plums-\$5 per stand of two bu. New Potatoes-40c per bu; \$1.15 per brl. Tomatoes—25@40c per bu. Cucumbers—15c per doz.

Cabbage—75c per brl. Celery—15@20c per bunch. New Beets-121/2@15c per dozen bunches. Green Beans-75c per bu. Wax Beans-\$1 per bushel New Lima Beans-\$1 per gal

Honey-White, 14@15c per lb; dark, 12@13c. Melong-Cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per bri; crates, 50c. Gem melons, 30@40c per basket; watermelons \$12@20 per hundred. Osage Melons-75c per crate.

Clover-Choice, \$3.75; prime, \$4.25; English choice 3.75@4; alsike, choice, \$4.50@5; alfalfa, choice \$4.25@4.50; crimson or scarlet clover, \$3; timothy 45 lbs. prime, \$1.30@1.35; light prime, \$1.35@1.40; choice, \$1.25@1.30; fancy Kentucky, 14 lbs, \$1.15; extra clean, 60@75c; orchard grass, extra, \$1@1.10; lbs, \$1.15@1 75; German millet, \$1@1.25; Western millet, 60@8cc; commen millet, 40@60c.

TRADE IN GENERAL.

Quotations at St. Louis, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Other Places.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.—Flour dull and un-changed. Wheat—No. 2, cash, 68%c; September, 69@69%c; December, 72c; May, 75c; No. 2 hard, 68%c. Corn-No. 2, cash, 31%c; September, 30%c December, 26%@26%c; May, 28c. Oats-No. cash, 21½c; September, 20½c; May, 22c; No. white, 23½c. Pork weak at \$9.25. Lard lower prime steam, \$5.07½; choice, \$5.12½. Dry-salt meats quiet; boxed shoulders, \$5.12½; extra shorts, \$5.25; clear ribs, \$5.371/4; clear ribs, \$5.50. Bacon quiet; boxed shoulders, \$5.75; extra shorts, \$5.75; clear ribs, \$5.871/2; clear sides, \$6. Timothy seed wanted at \$2.20@2.40 for new. Corn mea steady at \$1.75@1.80. Bran steady; sacked lots, east track, 55c. Hay steady; timothy, \$6@12 prairie, \$668. Whisky steady at \$1.26. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 brls; wheat, 56,000 bu; corn, 85,000 bu; oats, 14,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 6,000 brls; wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 99,000 bu; oats, 29,000 bu BALTIMORE, Aug. 10.-Flour dull; receipts, 6,445 brls; exports, 12,800 bu. Wheat very quiet; spot and month, 701/@70%c; September, 71@71%c; October, 72%@724c; receipts, 74,277 bu; exports 184,000 bu; Southern wheat by sample, 57@71c; Southern wheat on grade, 68@71c. Corn very quiet; mixed, spot, 3614@3614c; month, 36@3614c; September and October, 354@36c; November and December, new and old, 23@3314c; steamer mixed, 341/ @34%c; receipts, 91,787 bu; exports, 102,857 bu outhern white corn, 39@40c; Southern yellow, 281/2029c. Oats dull and easy; No. 2 white, 271/2 @28c; No. 2 mixed, 251/2026c. Sugar quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 10.-Lard-American fined, in pails, dull at 28s 3d; prime Western, in tierces, dull at 27s 6d. Spirits of turpentine strong at 27s. Wheat—Spot steady; futures firm; September, 5s \$%d; December, 5s 10%d. Corn, Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 3s 3%d; old firm at 8s 4\(\( d\); futures steady; September, 3s 4\(\( d\); October, 3s 4\(\( d\); November, 3s 4\(\( d\), Tallow—Australian (in London) firm at 25s 3d.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 10 .- Flour firm. Wheat firmer; No. 2 red, 6814@69c. Corn firmer; No. 2 mixed, 32c. Oats firmer; No. 2 mixed, 2214@2214c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 56c. Lard easy at \$5.05. Bulk meats steady at \$5.35. Bacon steady at \$6.25. TOLEDO, Aug. 10.-Wheat lower; No. 2, cash,

69%c; September, 71%c bid. Corn active and lower; No. 2 mixed, 33%c. Oats dull, but steady; No. 2 mixed, 2016c. Rye nominal; No. 2, cash, 54c. Clover seed active and higher; prime, cash,

\$3.35; October, \$4.40. Butter, Eggs and Cheese. NEW YORK, Aug. 10.-Butter-Receipts, 5,733 packages. Market firm; Western creamery, 1540 19c; factory, 12@15c. Cheese—Receipts, 7,508 packages. Market dull; large white, 94@94c; small white, 94@94c; large colored, 94@94c; small colcred, \$\\\\cdot\_c. Eggs-Receipts, \$\footnote{6}6 packages. Market steady; Western ungraded, 11@13\\\\cdot\_c at mark. CHICAGO, Aug. 10.-On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm; creamery,

131/2018c; dairy, 12@16c. Cheese firm at 9@16 KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10 .- Eggs move freely; not many are shipped out; receipts are absorbed readily by local demand. BALTIMORE, Aug. 10.-Butter steady. Cheese

active. Eggs firm at 13@1314c. CINCINNATI, Aug. 10 .- Butter steady. quiet at 9c. Cheese steady. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.-Eggs higher at 101/20

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 .- Metals were without deley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 5%c; Capitol, 4%c; Cumberland, 6c; Dwight Anchor, 6%c; Fruit of the Loom, 6%c; Farwell, 6c; Fitchville, 5%c; Full hibited pronounced strength, with the latter closwidth, 4%c; Gilt Edge, 4%c; Gilded Age, 40; ing at an advance on strong cables and generally bullish information from primary points. Tin and spelter were weak and lower under with drawal of buyers and unfavorable news from 200; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, London. Iron held steady to firm at unchanged prices. At the close the Metal Exchange called pig iron warrants unchanged at \$14.75 bid and Boott C, 4½c; Buck's Head, 5c; Clifton CCC, \$15.25 asked. Lake copper firm at 18.50c. Tin unsettled and easy at 31.87½c. Lead firm at 4.60c bid and 4.62½c asked. Spelter easy at 5.75c. The brokers' price for lead is 4.35c and for copper ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.-Lead firm at 4.55@4.571/20

> SAVANNAH, Aug. 10.—Spirits of turpentine, 47c bid. Rosin firm; A, B, C, D, \$1; E, \$1.06; F, \$1.10; G, \$1.20; H, \$1.25; I, \$1.30; K, \$1.50; M, \$1.80; N, \$2.20; window glass, \$2.35; water white, \$2.60. OIL CITY, Aug. 10.—Credit balances, \$1.27; certificates, \$1.27½ bid for cash; shipments, 119,308 brls; average, 87,993 brls; runs, 89,964 brls; aver-

Spelter dull at 5.70@5.75c.

age, 84,660 bris. WILMINGTON, Aug. 10.—Spirits of turpentine firm at 47@47½c. Rosin firm at 90@95c. Crude turpentine firm at \$1.50 and \$2.50. Tar firm at NEW YORK, Aug. 10 .- Petroleum firm. Rosin steady. Spirits of turpentine firm at 50@5016c.

Dry Goods. NEW YORK, Aug. 10 .- There has been improved demand to-day for cotton goods in all staple lines. Sellers have realized advances of 1/4c per yard on four-yard brown sheetings in some quarters. Some large sales reported of gray goods in narrow widths. Narrow bleached cottons

firm in both staple and dress styles. Hosiery and underwear firm and good business doing in next Cotton. NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 10 -Cotton steady; sales, 4,000 bales; ordinary, 4%c; good ordinary, 4%c; low middling, 4 15-16c; middling, 5 13-16c; good middling, 6 5-16c; middling fair, 6%c; re-

firm and some large orders placed by shirt manu-

facturers. Prints are steady, with fair sales. Print cloths without demand in regular goods,

but prices firmly maintained. Ginghams are very

ceipts, 537 bales; stock, 136,521 bales. Building Permits.

John M. Judah, brick business block, Washington street, between Capitol and Senate avenues, \$16,000. George W. Mickley, cottage, Mount Jack-J. J. Reidy, frame dwelling, Oriental street, near Washington street, \$937.
United States tile works, repairs, Fifteenth street, near Missouri street, \$300.

In August. All the long August afternoon, The little drowsy stream Whispers a melancholy tune, As if it dreamed of June And whispered in its dream

The thistles show beyond the brook Dust on their down and bloom, And out of many a weed-grown nook The aster-flowers look With eyes of tender gloom. The silent orchard aisles are sweet

Through the sere grass, in shy retreat,

-William Dean Howells.

Flutter, at coming feet, The robins strange and mute. There is no wind to stir the leaves, The harsh leaves overhead; Only the querulous cricket grieves, And shrilling locust weaves A song of summer dead.

With smell of ripening fruit.

Beans-Choice hand-picked navy, \$1.45@1.50 per CAUSED ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF BUSINESS AT CHICAGO.

> Wheat Gradually Fell Off to 68 7-8c and Other Grain Was Weak in Sympathy-Provisions Weak.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10 .- Anticipation of the government crop report, issued this afternoon, completely flattened out trading in wheat to-day and the pit was the dullest in months. Pending its issue there was no disposition to trade either way. Wheat declined 1/4c, coarse grains were weak, corn declining %@14c and oats 14@14c. Provisions

closed about 5c lower.

The opening in wheat was tame, without any material change in price, September starting at about 69%c. Domestic receipts were small and higher quotations came from Liverpool, but the government crop report was due this afternoon, and, pending its issuance, traders were unwilling to get into the market on either side. The result was the entire session was marked by a dullness that is seldom equaled. The traders kept out of the pit except when necessary. September touched 694c shortly after the opening. The market fluctuated lazily between that figure and 69c until shortly after noon, when it gradually sagged, more from the duliness than from anything bearish in the news, and the close was weak at about the lowest point of the day. The government crop report was expected to show a decline in the condition of spring wheat of from five to eight points, and this fact, perhaps, prevented the market from develeping more weakness than it did. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 156 cars, compared with 229 last week and seventyseven a year ago. Chicago receipts were fifty-eight cars, eight of contract grade. Total primary receipts were 624,000 bushels, against 380,000 last year. Atlantic port clearances amounted to 638,000 bushels. The seabord reported thirty-nine loads worked for expert, but the cash demand here was slow. Crop reports in the Northwest were conflicting, but the weather in that section North Dakota and some Minnesota threshing returns were disappointing. September near the close declined to 68%c, about put price. Buying against these privileges steadied the market, but the close was at

Corn was fairly steady early, but late in the session developed marked weakness. Light receipts and a continued good shipping demand sustained prices. Receipts were 328 cars. About 200,000 bushels were worked here for shipment. Belief in a bearish government report and favorable crop reports, with the late weakness of wheat, broke corn after noon, scalpers selling quite freely. The close was weak at about bottom figures. September ranged from 20% c to 31% c and closed %@%c lower, at 30%

Oats were dull and weak. Commission house selling was a feature, apparently for country account. The cash demand was only fair, 50,000 bushels being taken here for shipment. Receipts were 234 cars. Indications favored a larger movement next week, and this and sympathy with other grain markets were the influences. September ranged from 20c to 191/2c and closed 1/4@

Provisions, though rather firm early, went to pieces in the afternoon and closed at declines all around. There was an improved cash demand, and this helped the market early, but sympathy with the grain mar-kets started a selling movement late in the day and the decline was not recovered. At the close September pork was 5c lower, at \$8.20@8.22½; September lard 2½c lower, at \$5.17½, and September ribs 5c lower, at \$4.95

Estimated receipts for Friday-Wheat, 12 cars; corn, 283 cars; oats, 370 cars; hogs,

Leading futures ranged as follows: Articles. est. Wheating. 68% 71%-71% May .... 74%-74 74% Dec .... Мау.... Dec May.... 21%-211/2 Pork-Sept... \$8.271/2 Oct.... 8.30 \$8.20 6.25 Lard-

Oct .... 5.2716 Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 3 spring wheat, 67\$68\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; No. 2 red, 70\(\frac{1}{2}\)o. No. 2 corn, 32\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; No. 2 yellow, 33\(\frac{3}{2}\)3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c. No. 2 oats. 211/4@211/4c; No. 2 white, 241/4c; No. 3 white, 221/4@25c. No. 2 rye, 53c. No. 2 barley, 831/4@40c. No. 1 flaxseed, 89c; Northwestern, \$1.02. Prime timothy seed, \$2.45@2.47\\(\frac{1}{2}\). Clover seed, contract grade, \$6.25. Mess pork, per brl, \$7.40\(\tilde{Q}\)8.20. Lard, per 100 lbs, \$5.07\(\tilde{Q}\)6.20. Short-rib sides (loose), \$4.75\(\tilde{Q}\)5.10; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), \$5.50\(\tilde{Q}\)5.62\(\tilde{Q}\); short-clear sides (boxed), \$5.30\(\tilde{Q}\)5.40. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, \$1.26. Receipts—Flour, 20,000 bris; wheat, 70,000 bu; corn, 230,000 bu; cats, 355,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 26,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 16,000 bris; wheat, 3,000 bu; corn, 375,000 bu; cats, 290,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 15,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis. NEW YORK, Aug. 10.-Flour-Receipts, 18,717 Dakota, 86; Washington, 85; Oregon, 81. steady at firmer prices. Rye flour quiet. Corn meal quiet. Rye quiet; No. 2 Western, 594c,

Spot easier; No. 2 red, 75c, f. o. b. afloat, spot; | years. The averages in the principal States No. 1 northern Duluth, 76%c, f. o. b. afloat, spot; are as follows: New York, 90; Pennsyl-No. 2 red, 74c, in elevator. Options opened firm | vania, 98; Ohio and Missouri, 93; Michigan, at unchanged prices, influenced by cables, gov- 100; Indiana and Wisconsin, 96; Illinois, 102; ernment report gossip and covering. Later the Minnesota, 95; Iowa, 94; Kansas, 85; Nebrasmarket became easier under local realizing and | ka, 92. The proportion of the cats crop of closed at 79%c; September, 74%@74%c, closed at 74%c; December, 76%@77 7-16c, closed at 76%c.

Corn—Receipts, 153,075 bu; exports, 34,586 bu.

Spot easier; No. 2, 37%c, f. o. b. afloat; 37%c in elevator. Options opened steady on covering and strong cash position, easing off later on the control of the cats crop of last year still in the hands of farmers is estimated at 6.9 per cent., as compared with 6.4 per cent. of the crop of 1897 in farmers' hands one year ago and 10.1 per cent. of the crop of 1896 in farmers' hands strong cash position, easing off later on more liberal farm offers, and closed duff at %6 %c net decline; September, 26 %637c, closed at 36 %c; December, 24 %635 %c, closed at 34 %c.

Oats—Receipts, 142,500 bu; exports, 110,220 bu.

Spot dull; No. 2, 27c; No. 3, 26 %c; No. 3 white, 27 %c. Options dull all day and entirely nominal.

Beef quiet. Cut meats quiet; pickled shoulders, \$666.12 %; pickled hams, \$10610.50. Lard weak; refined easy; continent, \$5.80. Pork dull and weak fined easy; continent, \$5.80. Pork dull and weak. Tallow firm; country, 4%@4%c. Coffee-Options opened quiet at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points; later, in sympathy with weakness abroad, ruled generally dull, with weak undertone. The foreigners sold, as did

some of the more reliant bears; shorts bought. Statistical changes were about a stand-off. Brazilian cables were disappointing in the main. The market closed barely steady from unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales, 10,000 bags, including: September, 4.45c; October, 4.50c; November, 4.55c December, 4.95c; January, 5c; March, 5.10c; May, 5.20c. Spot coffee—Rio dull and easy; No. 7, invoice 5%c, jobbing 6%c. Mild quiet, but about steady; Cordova, 7%@ilc. Sugar-Raw steady; refined steady, but quiet.

LIVE STOCK. Cattle Scarce and Steady-Hogs Fairly Active-Sheep Steady. INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 10.-Cattle-Receipts,

250; shipments light. Receipts were light and all

kinds sold at steady prices. Export grades . Killers, medium to good Killers, common to fair..... Feeders, good to choice .. Heifers, good to choice .... Heifers, fair to medium .. Heifers, common and thin .. Cows, common and canners .... Veals, good to choice ...... Bulls, good to choice ......

Bulis, common to medium..... Milkers, good to choice...... Milkers, common to medium..... Hogs-Receipts, 2,500; shipments light. The quality was fair. The market opened fairly active. with packers and shippers buying at about steady prices on light weights, while the heavier weights sold at a decline.

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Spring lambs, common to medium ...

Elsewhere. EAST BUFFALO, Aug. 10 .- [Special.] -- Ranson Mansfield & Co., live stock com report: Cattle-Run light and feeling firm for good corn-fed kinds; veals steady at \$4.2506.25 heavy veals, \$465; grassers and heavy fed calves

Hogs—Receipts, 20 cars. Market opened steady, but was a shade stronger later for Yorkers: others unchanged; good corn-fed Yorkers, \$4.85@5; grassy lots, \$4.85@4.90; pigs, \$4.75@4.90; mixed packers' grades and good corn kinds, \$4.90@4.85; good medium weights, 200 to 225 lbs, \$4.90@4.85; with grassy kind at \$4.75@4.80; extreme hogs dull and slow of sale at \$4.65@4.75, accord ing to quality and weight, the hardier heavy weights of not over 240 to 250 lbs bringing the best prices; roughs, \$3.75@4; stags, \$2.25@3.60 closed steady to firm. Sheep-Receipts, 6 cars. Market steady, with all sold; not enough here to fill demand; selected lambs, \$8.15@6.25, but bulk of fairly good lambe sold around \$6; bucky lots at \$5.50@5.75; commo to fair, \$4.75@5.25; culls and common, \$3.50@4.56

mixed sheep steady and in limited supply; tops mixed, \$4.80@5; fair to good, \$3.75@4.75; culls and common, \$2.50@3.50; handy wethers and yearlings, \$5.10@5.25; market closed steady for handy grades CHICAGO, Aug. 10 .- The market for cattle to day was strong at yesterday's advance of 100 and the demand was brisk all day. Good cattle sold at about the best prices of the year; good to choice beeves brought \$5.6006.20, commoner grades selling at \$4.7005.55; stockers and afeeders were disposed of at \$3.5004.85; bulls, cows and helfers, \$2@5.35; Texas steers, \$3.75@4.50; calves, \$4@7.16 The market for hogs was slow and weak, sale being generally 5@10c lower; heavy hogs sold at \$3.90@4.60; mixed lots, \$4.25@4.70; light, \$4.50@4.80; pigs sold at \$3.50@4.75 and culls at \$2@3.90.

The demand for sheep and lambs was good and the market was stronger and 15c higher for prim lambs; sheep sold at \$2.25@3.25 for culls and in ferior lots up to \$4.50@4.75 for good natives, wethers bringing \$5; lambs sold at \$466.50, some fancy Western lambs bringing \$6.65. KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10.-Cattle-Receipts, 5,000 natives and 1,900 Texans. Slaughtering grade active and steady; choice feeders a shade h heavy steers, \$5.35@5.75; light steers, \$5@5.70; stockers and feeders, \$4@5; butcher cows and heifers, \$3.25@5; canners, \$2.60@3.25; Western steers, \$4.20@5.75; Texans, \$3.70@4.10.

Hogs-Receipts, 5,620. Light supply of packing grades at steady prices; light weights steady to 5c lower; heavy, \$4.40@4.45; mixed, \$4.30@4.45; light, \$4.40@4.62%; pigs, \$4.05@4.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 2.540. Good, quick market for all grades at unchanged prices; lambs, \$5@5.70; muttons, \$4@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3@4; ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 700.
Market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and
export steers, \$4.75@6.10; dressed beef steers, \$4.40 @5.50; steers under 1,000 lbs, \$3.60@5; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.75; cows and helfers, \$2.25@4.85; bulls, \$2.50@4.40; canners, \$1.50@2.75; Texas and

Indian steers, \$3@4.90; cows and helfers, \$2.50@ Hogs-Receipts, 5,800. Market steady to lower; pigs and lights, \$4.50@4.75; packers, \$4.60@4.75; butchers, \$4.60@4.75. Sheep-Receipts, 2,100. Market steady; native muttons, \$3.50@4; lambs, \$4.25@6.25; stockers, \$2.75 @3.50; culls and bucks, \$1.75@3.50. NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Beeves—Receipts, 160, all for slaughterers. Feeling firm. Cables quote American cattle higher at 11½@12c; refrigerator beef easy at 9½c. Calves—Receipts, 45. Feeling firm; medium veals, \$6.50; Southern calves, \$4. Hogs—Receipts, 921. None for sale alive. Feel-

ing steady for good corn-fed hogs.

Sheep slow and lower. Lambs firm; common to good sheep, 12.75@4.36; common to choice lambs, \$567.25. CINCINNATI, Aug. 10.-Cattle steady at \$3.25

Hogs quiet at \$3.75@4.80. Sheep steady at \$2.25@4.25; lambs strong at \$3.75 GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Wheat Declined 8.1 Points and Is 12.9 Points Lower than in 1898. WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 .- The August report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the following averages of condition on Aug. 1: Corn, 89.9; spring wheat, 83.6; oats, 90.8; barley, 52.6;

spring rye, 89.0; buckwheat, 83.2; potatoes, 93.0; timothy hay, 86.7. The average condition of corn improved 3.4 points during July, and on Aug. 1 it was 2.9 points higher than at the corresponding date last year, 5.7 points higher than on Aug. 1, 1895, and 3.2 points above the mean of the August averages for the last ten years. The averages in the principal States are as follows: Ohio, 90; Indiana, 94; Illinois, 91; Iowa, 82; Missouri,

The average condition of spring wheat

88; Kansas, 106; Nebraska, 99.

declined 8.1 points during July, and on Aug. 1 it was 12.9 points lower than at the corresponding date last year, 31 points lower than on Aug. 1, 1897, and .3 point below the mean of the August averages for the last ten years. The condition in the principal States is as follows: Minnesota, 90; Iowa. 89; Nebraska, 69; South Dakota, 84; North The average condition of cats improved .8 point during July, and on Aug. 1 it was 6.6 points higher than at the corresponding f. o. b. afloat, spot. Barley steady. Barley malt | date last year, 4.8 points higher than on Aug. 1, 1897, and 8.3 points above the mean Wheat-Receipts, 139,875 bu; exports, 160,616 bu. of the August averages for the last ten

> The average condition of barley improve 1.6 points during July, and on Aug. I was 14.3 points higher than at the corresponding date last year, 6.1 points higher than on Aug. 1, 1897, and 8.6 points above the mean of the August averages for the last ten years. The condition in the principal States is as follows: New York and Minne-States is as follows: New York and Minnesota, 90; Wisconsin, 96; Iowa and North Dakota, 94; South Dakota, 89; California, 97.
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> The average condition of spring rye declined .7 point during July, and on Aug. 1 was 4.7 points lower than at the corresponding date last year and .8 point lower than on Aug. 1, 1897, but still 1.5 above the mean of the August averages for the last ten years. In Wisconsin, which State produces more than one-half of the entire spring rye crop, the condition on Aug. 1

Preliminary returns indicate an increase of seven-tenths of 1 per cent, in the acreage in buckwheat, as compared with last year. There is an apparent increase of a per cent. in New York and of 2 per cent. in Pennsylvania. The average condition of buckwheat is 6 points higher than at the corresponding date last year, 1.7 points lower than on Aug. 1, 1897, and 2.2 points above the mean of the August averages for the

spring rye crop, the condition on Aug.

The average condition of potatoes de-clined .8 point during July, but is still 9.1 points higher than on Aug. 1, 1898, 15.1 points higher than at the corresponding date in 1897 and 6.9 points above the mean of the ...... 4.80@ 5.10 August averages for the last ten years. . 4.00@ 4.50 Of the thirteen principal sweet potato and four an improvement, while in one-4.25@ 4.75 North Carolina-the condition remains about the same.

Preliminary returns indicate a reduction of 3.4 per cent. in the hay acreage. Of the 3.40@ 3.75
States mowing 1,000,000 acres or upward last
2.50@ 3.00
year only Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska,
South Daketa and California show an increased acreage. The condition of timothy hay is 12.6 points below that of last year.

The average condition of tobacco has declined eleven points in Kentucky, six in Tennessee and Missouri, three in Virginia and Pennsylvania, two in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, two in Massachusetts, one in Ohio and Wisconsin and eight in Indiana. On the other hand it has improved five points in North Carolina and Mary-land, two in New York, and has about held

There are but few States from which the